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Applicant : Timothy James Donohue                          Art Unit : 3723  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed May 11, 2004, applicant elects the invention of Species I, including Figures 2-7. Applicant submits that claims 1-3, 5-15 and 36-40 read on Species 1. Independent claims 1 and 36 are generic to Species 1 and 3. The election is made without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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